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RE: In re Twin Cities Harley-Davidson Litigation - Case No. C1-01-118

Dear Counsel:

Chief Justice Blatz has before her the motion of Jeffrey S. Berg, et al., requesting assignment of a single judge to 24 individual declaratory judgment actions brought by Twin Cities Harley-Davidson against the moving parties. As I have done in similar matters in the past, I would like to confer with the parties to learn more about the volume and scope of this litigation so that the Chief Justice can better assess the demand on judicial resources in addressing the motion. Specifically, setting aside the issue of consolidation for trial, I would like to discuss with you what pretrial activities are anticipated that would or would not benefit from assignment to a single judge and any other matters that would affect the resources necessary to manage these cases.

I am willing to have this discussion in the form of a meeting in my office or by telephone conference if that is your preference. I hope to do this early next week. I am available any time next Monday and in the afternoon on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please confer and advise me by telephone when and how you would like to meet.

Thank you for your cooperation. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Slowes".

RICHARD S. SLOWES
Court Commissioner

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